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Letter dated 4 June 2002 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

As you are aware, the Congolese parties were not able to reach an all-inclusive agreement on power sharing at the meeting of the inter-Congolese dialogue held in Sun City, South Africa. The recent mission of the Security Council to the Great Lakes region did note, however, that the parties have agreed to continue negotiations with a view to arriving at an acceptable formula.

The need for this was also underscored at a meeting of several international stakeholders involved in the peace process in the Democratic Republic of the Congo convened by the Secretariat in New York on 17 May 2002. In fact, at that meeting, there was a consensus that all efforts should now focus on helping the Congolese parties reach their objective. The meeting also requested me to appoint a Special Envoy to assist in the negotiations, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity and the facilitator, Sir Ketumile Masire.

In that connection, I have decided to appoint Moustapha Niasse, former Prime Minister of Senegal, as my Special Envoy to contribute to those efforts. It is expected that any agreement reached will be brought into the framework of the inter-Congolese dialogue for endorsement.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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